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Israeli settlers' rally flops

KFAR ETZION, Occupied West Bank, Jan. 11 (R). — A rally organised by Jewish settlers to oppose the Israeli government's peace plan for the West Bank failed to attract mass support today after a cabinet minister refused to attend. Thousands had been expected to join the rally in Kfar Etzion, between Bethlehem and Hebron, but only about 200 showed up. Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, a vigorous supporter of Jewish settlement in occupied Arah territories, was invited to speak but declined to take part in a meeting critical of cabinet policy. The meeting was addressed by Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren and Mr. Begin's former information adviser Shmnel Katz, who resigned last week over differences with cabinet policies.

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U.S. House delegation arrives on 2-day visit spectacular



Members of the visiting American Congressional delegation are accompanied by U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering (with glasses, facing camera) during their visit to the Marka (Schneller) refugee camp Wednesday. (JNA photo).

Mr. Salam, a prominent conservative Moslem leader, said

that two attacks, an anti-tank

rocket and automatic rifle fire

had been directed against his

three-storey mansion in the pa-

Mr. Salam is the latest vic-

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AMMAN, Jan. 11 - A 15-strong delegation from the United States House of Representatives arrived in Amman this morning on the fourth leg of a six-nation Middle East tour and held talks this afternoon with Crown Prince

Delegation leader Clement Zablocki (Democrat, Wisconsin), told the Jordan Times in an airport statement that the talks with Jordanian leaders will focus on overall Jordanian-American relations, cooperation in bilateral aid programmes, and Middle East peace issues. He added: "Obviously, we'll talk about the Palestinian issue because Jordan is more closely related to the Palestinian question than any other Arab state."

The delegation's meeting with His Majesty King Hussein was postponed from this evening tomorrow, when the American legislators are also scheduled to meet with Senate President Babiat Talbound.

. Asked if the delegation members agreed with U.S. President Carter's suggestion that the Begin proposals on West Bank and Gaza en only as an bargaining position, Representative Zablocki said he preferred to withhold detailed comment on that topic until after visiting all the states on the delegation's schedule. But he said that the delegation is generally in agreement with Mr. Carter's position and recommendations.

Representative Zablocki said Jordan has 'an important role' to play in the Middle East peace picture, and reaffirmed general U.S. congressional backing for President Carter's stand calling for an Israeli withdrawal to the 1967 borders.

mer Prime Minister Saeb Sa-

lam sald today he believed co-

mmunist agents, directed from abroad, may be responsible for

a recent wave of bomb, rocket

and shooting attacks against

his Beirut home.

Prince Hassan briefs delegation

The delegation has already visited Egypt. Syria and Saudi Arabia, and leaves here Friday morning for Tehran and then Israel.

Crown Prince Hassan briefed the Congressmen and Congresswomen on Jordan's fiveyear development plan objectives, adding that Jordan's efforts required financial backing, according to the Jordan News Agency.

Crown Prince Hassan also said Jordan's position on the peace question is based on a total Israeli withdrawal from all territories occupied in 1967 and recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people. He said Israeli settlements in the occupied territories were a handicap to peace efforts, and represent Israeli expansionist tendencies,

The Congressional team visited the Marga refugee camp at noon today. After lunch they were briefed by the American Ambassador here, Mr. Thomas Pickering, who also hosted them to a dinner in the evening.

The members of the delegation are Rep. Zablocki, Rep. Dante Fascell (Dem., Florida), Rep. Leo Ryan (Dem., California), Rep. Helen Meyner (Dem., New Jersey), Rep. Donald Pease (Dem., Ohio), Rep. John Cavanaugh (Dem., Nehraska), Rep. William Broomfield (Rep., Michigan), Rep. Paul Findley (Rep., Illinois), Rep. J. Herbert Burke (Rep., Florida), Rep. Larry Winn, Jr. (Rep., Kansas), Rep. Benjamin Gilman (Rep., New Jersey), Rep. Shirley Pettis (Rep., California), Rep. Christopher Dodd (Dem., Connecticut) and Rep. Del Clawson (Rep., California). All but the last two are members of the House of Representatives Foreign Relations Committee.

Moslems in Beirut.

The others include his bro-

ther Malik, a member of parli-

ament. The only fatal casualty

so far has been an eight-year-old daughter of a lawyer.

Leading Beirut Moslems attacked tim of a spate of attacks against the homes of prominent

"You're the first earthmen we've seen bere in a month," Romanenko told them, and all hurst into loud laughter which almost drowned the voice of the television commentator-

link-up in space

MOSCOW, Jan. 11 (R). — The Soviet Union today pulled off an unprecedented space spectacular linking three craft in space arbit.

Two Soviet cosmonauts docked with the orbiting Salyut-6 space station on hoard their Soyuz-27 spacecraft for an historic meeting in space with two colleagues who linked up with the orbiting laboratory a mon-th ago on board their Soyuz-26 eraft.

The three-craft link-up was made possible by a second docking port on the Salyut sta-

On board the Soyuz-27 were Colonel Vladimir Dzhanibekov and Flight Engineer Oleg Ma-

Waiting for them in the Salyut were Col. Yury Romanenko and Engineer Georgy Grechko who boarded the laboratory exactly a month ago.

The shuttle craft, Soyuz-26, which brought Romanenko and Grechko into orbit is docked at the opposite end of the Salyut-6 from which today's docking took place.

The operation completed, the three craft formed a cylinder 30 metres long. The docking took place at 14:06 GMT.

In film shown of the event on Moscow Televisioo's main evening news programme, Romanenko and Grechko -- clad in light hlue space suits -- could be seen pulling Makarov into the cabin of the Solyut. Dzhanibekov was then haul-

ed through the hatch from the airlock tunnel joining the Salyut to their Soyuz-27, launched from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Central Asia only yesterday. Laughing loudly in their excitement, all four bugged each other and then clinked fruit juice tubes, from which the liquid has to he squeezed direc-

tly into the mouth because of the absence of gravity on board spacecraft. Dzhanibekov and Makarov

brought their colleagues letters from their families and also copies of the Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda which has recorded their activities during the past mo-

Soviet Union Weizman presents Egypt with pulls off 5-point set of proposals, insists settlements must stay

CAIRO, Jan. 11 (R). — Military talks linked to a Middle East peace settlement began between Egypt and Israel here today with the Israelis insisting on maintaining Jewish settlements in the Smai Desert.

The Israeli delegation, head-ed by Defence Minister Ezer Weizman, said in a press statement shortly before tha talks that it had given the Egyptian side a five-point set of proposals, which it called "Principles of Security."

The points included the maintenance of Israeli settlements in Sinal, the continued presence of Israeli troops there, and the existence of Israeli airfields on the peninsula -- all unacceptable to Egypt.

In his opening speech, issued by the Israeli delegation, Mr. Weizman sald: "In the course of the present deliberations in Cairo, we shall examine arrangements for the continued maintenance of the Israeli settlements of the border regions and means of securing them."

Both Mr. Weizman and the Egyptian War Minister, Gen. Mohammad Abdul Ghani Gamassi, addressed the formal opening of the military com-mittee behind closed doors.

Tight security surrounded the talks and reporters were ordered away from the Tahera Palace in the suburbs of Cairo after the meeting began.

Meeting with Sadat

Mr. Weizman, who flew to Aswan earlier today with Gen. Gamassi for talks with President Anwar Sadat on the settlements issue, said Israel's sincere desire for peace "must not be realised at the expense of

"It is for this reason that we must construct safeguards which we may employ without being dependent on the mercy of others,' he said.
"We must not forget that

there are extremist nations who threaten us with utter destruction. These nations have not recounced their belligerent intentions and offer haven and protection to terrorist organi-

Bulldozers

sations whose avowed will is to destroy the state of Israei." The four so-called "rejectionist" Arab states -- Iraq, Algeria, South Yemen and the Lihyan Jamahiriyah -- met leaders of Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organisation in Tri-poli last month and denounced President Sadat's peace moves as high treason.

Mr. Weizman said his dele-gation would also raise tha question of the "establishment of free and open waterways in all bodies of water which border our nation."

First meeting ends in deadlock

CAIRO, Jan. 11 (R). - Egyptian and Israeli peace negotiators failed in their first attempt to unravel a deadlock over the future of Jewish settlements built on captured Egyptian soil. Egyptian War Minister Gen. Mohammad Gamassi and Israei Defence Minister Ezer Weizman spent 90 minutes on the subect but made no beadway, an Egyptian spokesman indica-

Tha two sides will tackle the issue again tomorrow, the Egy-ptian spokesman reported.

Israeli ships are still barred from using the Suez Canal, re-opened in 1975 after the secood troop disengagement agreement between Israel and Egypt following the 1973 Middla East war. Mr. Weizman also said he

wanted to discuss troop reductions and the establishment a wide demilitarised zone in Sinai "so as to enable advance warning and effective control over the implementation of the agreement hetween us." But he said: "Above all we must guarantee open boundaries so that harmonious cooperation may flourish between two

peoples which have been living side by side for four tho-Mr. Weizman said he was is-

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan 11 (AFP). - Professor Yiga-

suing a call to "those nations which accept to join us in the

monumental effort in which

Mr. Weizman's use of the

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word "nations" in his appeal

made it clear he was not inc-

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The five points

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split in his Democratic Movement for Changa party, the political correspondents of the Haaretz and Hatsofeh oewspapers reported today. Six of the party's 15 members of the Knesset (parli-

ament) are unhappy at Mr. Yadin's leadership, they said. at work Knesset approves four new West Bank settlements



Two workmen pose for the photographer's lens on the outsides of the Israeli settlement of Yamit in northern Sinai Wednesday, Yamit and other Sinai settlements were one of the subjects Israeli Defence Minister Gen. Ezer Weizman discussed with President Anwar Sadat in Aswan, (AP wire-

BEIRUT, Jan. 11 (R). — The pro-Libyan newspaper Al Safir sald here today it had received leaflets from two new clandestine BAGHDAD, Jan. 11 (R). - Iraq and East Germany expressed deep

religious organisations in Egypt opposed to President Anwar Sadat's government. One of the leafiets carried the name "The Islamic Egyptish Revolutionary Army" and the other "Al Aqsa". The latter is believed to be named after Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem where President Sadat prayed during his visit to the holy city last November. The names are said the first aroun called on Arab last November. The newspaper said the first group called on Arab governments to boycott the Egyptian regime and move the Arab League headquarters from Cairo. The second group pledged to resort to "vengeance, terrorism and assassination."

Secret Egyptian sects oppose Sadat

Sadat writes to the Common Market

BRUSSELS, Jan. 11 (R); - President Anwar Sadat has written a letter to the European Common Market saving he hopes the nine member countries will continue to take an active part in the search for a solution to the Middle East problem. Belgian sources said today. They said that the letter described the talks held by President Sadat and Israeli Premier Menachem Begin in Ismallia over Christmes. Foreign Ministry political directors of the nine Common Market countries are meeting in Copenhagen today to work out a reply to President Sadat's letter.

U.S. senators see Shah, fly to Damascus

TEHRAN, Jan. 11 (R): - Five American senators flew to Dameacus today after a two-day visit to Iran during which they met the Shah and Foreign Minister Abbas Ali Khalatbari. The senators were Harrison A. Williams Jr. (Democrat, New Jersey), Ted Stevens (Republican, Alaska), Howard Cannon (Democrat. Nevada), Abraham Ribicoff (Democrat, Connecticutt) and Ernest F. Hellings (Democrat, South Carolina).

Political violence flares up in Rome

ROME Jan. 11 (AFF). — More than 10,000 police were patrolling the streets and plazzas of Rome today after four consecutive days of political violence that left three young Neo-Pasciats doed. Yesterday's clashes were brief but very violent. Extransional first from the Ralian Social Movement (MSI) fired on police and burned dozens of cars during protests over the working dentes of their communes. 65 people were arrested.

Iraq, East Germany issue joint statement

Roundup

concern over the Middla East situation in a joint statement released here last night. The statement, carried by the Iraq news agency today, affirmed "there can be no just and permanent peace unless Israeli troops withdraw from all occupied Arah territories." The statement followed a three-day official visit to East Germany by Iraqi Vice President Taha Mohieddin Ma'rouf. Mr. Ma'rouf and an accompanying delegation returned home last night at the end of a one-week tour which also took them to Bulgaria.

Ted Rowlands to confer with Cyrus Vance

LONDON, Jan. 11 (AFP). — Minister of State at the Foreign Office Ted Rowlands left here today for talks in Washington with U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance. A Foreign Office spokesman said the two officials would notably discuss the Southern African situation and the conflict between Britain and Argentina over the Falkland Islands. Mr. Rowlands is due back in London tomorrow.

Callaghan visits Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 11 (AFP). - British Prime Minister James Callaghan arrived here this afternoon for a two-day official visit to Pakistan Mr. Callaghan, the first Western head of state to come to Islamabad since the overthrow of former Pakistani Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto by the army last July 5, was greeted at the airport by Chief Martial Law Administrator Gen. Mohammad Zia Ul-Haq. Mr. Callaghan is scheduled to hold talks with Gen. Zia Ul-Haq tomorrow morning. The British Prime Minister will spend most of his time visiting economic development projects and watching a cricket match between England and Pakistan. Mr. Callaghan is in Islamabad on the third leg of an Asian tour which had already taken him to Bangladesh and India.

Lebanon's daily Al Chark suspended

BEIRUT, Jan. 11 (AFP). - The Lebanese Police Chief Farouk Abiliama has ordered the 24-hours suspension of the daily Al Chark, for having infringed the censorship regulations. No other details justifying the suspension were given.

TEL AVIV. Jan. 11 (R). - Israeli hulldozers were spotted levelling fresh areas of the Sinai desert today, rousing new speculation that more Jewish settlements might be under

Reporters saw five bulldozers at work near the road between Bir Lahfan and Um Kutuf, an area roughly 30 kms. south of the existing mam settlement area near the Mediterranean coast.

The machines were leased from the Jewish National Fund which handles settlement matters. A spokesman for the fund told Reuters : "We are preparing land in the Rafah sa-lient area in accordance with government decisions." The official declined to say more.

The future of the settlements in the Rafah district of northeast Sinai has blown up into an angry dispute between Israel and Egypt with sharp words that have diminished much of the previous cordiality. The Israeli government's on-ly published decision on the Sinai settlements is that they

CTERSEC. The settler movement is promoting a vociferous campaign to make Prime Minister Menachem Begin drop his proposal to hand back the Sinai region

should be extended but not in-

to Egyptian sovereignty. An advertisement in the newspaper Ma'ariv noted President Anwar Sadat's recent remark that Jewish settlements on Egyptian land could be either knocked down or burnt

"What will we be asked to burn tomorrow?" the advertisement asked.

The whola issue, now topping the agenda of the Israeli-Egyptian military committee taiks beginning in Cairo today, is politically embarassing for Mr. Begin, who came to power last May with a promise of increased support for the settler movement.

Four new settlements

In a separate move yesterday, the Israeli Knesset voted in favour of setting up four new settlements in the occupied West Bank of the River Jordan, But the plan still must be approved by the government and ministers are known to be divided on the issue.

Government pronouncements on the settlement issue have been guarded and sometimes amhiguous. One report in the newspaper Yediot Ahronot said the cabinet did in fact last week approve creation of new settlements in Sinai but backed down because of the public controversy.

maments, demilitarised zones, and the presence of United Nations forces. -- Maintenance of Israeli settlements and the determina-

-- Phased withdrawal of Is-

-- Designation in Sinai of

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raeli forces from the Sinai.

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tion of their status. -- Status of Israeli air fields in Sinai.

-- Control over security me-In his speech Mr. Weizman stressed Israel's desire for nor-

mal relations with Egypt.

Yadin's DMC could split

Observers say that a party schism could cost Mr. Yadin el Yadin could soon face a his post as Deputy Premier. **American**

Gen. Ezer Weizman, Israel's Defence Minister (left) and Egyptim

War Minister, Gen. Mohammad Abdul Ghani Gamassi, answer

newsmen's questions in the presidential V.J.P. lounge in Cairo Wednesday after which they flew to Aswan in Upper Egypt to

meet President Mohammad Anwar Sadat. (AP wirephoto)

Jewish leader says no to

Palestinian state

ASWAN, Jan. 11 (R). - Rabhi Alexander Schindler, Chairman of the Conference of Pre-sidents of Major American Jewish Organisations said here today that the creation of a Palestinian state at the present stage could pose a security threat to Israel.

Rabbi Schindler, who arrived here today and met President Anwar Sadat, was asked whether the Palestinians needed a state of their own.

He replied "I share the general perception that an independent (Palestinian) state at this stage can pose a security threat (to Israel)." Rabbi Schindler said Presi-

dent Sadat was quite sincere in his determination to bring about (Middle East) peace, "There is no doubt in my mind about this." He added that during the me-eting he had explained to Pre-

sident Sadat "our concern for the security of Israel." He said he had conveyed to President Sadat the American Jews' appreciation for his eff-

orts to realise a Middle East

Lebanon asks U.N. to circulate Sarkis address

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 11 (R). — At the request of Leb-anon, the U.N. today circulated as an official document excerpts from an address last week hy Lebanese President Elias Sarkis calling for a solution of the Palestinian problem as part of any Middle East set-

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Do it properly,

or not at all

this week about some of the major reasons behind

the rising rate of traffic accidents and deaths. It is

coincidental that a meeting was also held here this

week hy senior public security, municipality and

Public Works Ministry officials to set forth the

implementation of a new plan to enforce speed limits throughout Amman and the neighbouring regions. In

all frankness, if this new speed-limit plan is going

to be enforced in the same manner that present

traffic regulations are enforced, it may be easier and

more economical to forget the entire thing and leave

on our experience of driving throughout Amman for

many years and seeing the most elementary traffic

regulations completely ignored by many drivers, and,

what is worse, seeing a half-hearted attempt by the

traffic police to enforce existing rules and regulations.

The greatest joke of the past several years must he

the regulation giving priority to cars within a traffic

circle. That rule is stated clearly on the many nice

signs posted at the approaches to almost all the

major traffic circles in Amman, yet it is totally

ignored, even when a policeman is standing next to

regulations to be oheyed if their enforcement is going

to he of the same calibre as the enforcement of

present traffic rules. If we cannot expect any more

serious effort than what we now see with regards

to enforcing traffic regulations, it would be easier

on everyone to stay away from make-believe worlds

and not spend much valuable money on half-hearted

The alternative, of course, is to bring the new

speed limits into effect and make sure that they are

properly enforced. This is the more difficult path,

hut the more logical. It will be more than just

interesting -- it will be a matter of several hundred

deaths a year -- to see if the new traffic rules are

taken seriously by the drivers and by the traffic

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL DUSTOUR, on Wednesday, said the military leaders of Egypt and Israel confront each other this day not, as for the

last 30 years, on the battlefield but inside Cairo's palatial halls.

They meet under the burden of having to solve what President

Anwar Sadat and Premier Menachem Begin were unable to so-

lve -- the problem of Israeli settlements in Sinai. The strange

thing, though, is that Mr. Begin "prepared" for this meeting by amouncing that he will personally live in one of these Jewish settlements in north Sinai. Since the Egyptian response has been

to violently refuse all Jewish settlements in all occupied Arab

territories one wonders what can the military leaders of the two

sides do except, perhaps, to be introduced to each other? No one

wishes them to fail to resolve the problems but no one may af-

ford to entertain unfounded bopes that miracles can happen

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within such a prevailing framework.

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It is unrealistic to expect the new speed

If this is a cynical view, it is nevertheless based

the new plan on a shelf somewhere.

the sign watching over the traffic.

new efforts.

This newspaper is publishing a series of articles





Radar cars, new speed restrictions and more one-way streets planned for Jordan

Traffic congestion and accidents are on the increase in Jordan. To investigate the causes and discover what the authorities are doing about the situation AHMAD MAJDOUBEH interviewed Col. Maher Nabulsi, Traffic Adviser to the Public Security Department and Mr. Akram Hindiyeh, Director of the Traffic Engineering Depart. at the Municipality of Amman and in this second part of a four-part series examines some of the suggestions put forward to solve the chaotic traffic conditions in the country.

In pursuit of a solution to the rise in the number of traffic accidents, several institu-tions interested in traffic proposed the following resolutions, First, to reduce the number of traffic accidents as efficiently as possible, one should determine the real cause of the accident,

Col. Nabulsi says, "the method used nowadays by the Traffic Department for determining the cause of the accident is not accurate, because it is left to the traffic police alone to predict the cause of the accident. This is a very subjective metbod."

To overcome this problem, a study is now being carried out, by traffic departments in cooperation with the U.S. Agency for International Development, to prepare an objective traffic investigation sheet, containing several yes-no questions. It is formed in a way that if several policemen are given the sheet, when an accident bappens, they will give identical answers.

Coordinated efforts

Secondly, "efforts should be coordinated", Mr. Hindiyeh says, "between all institutions concerned to spread traffic information, including traffic dangers, regulations and safety among people."

The Royal Scientific Socie-

ty, Col. Nabulsi mentions, has participated in this field by publishing children's traffic books, of which Saudi Arabia has bought 2,000 copies. These books aim at teaching children traffic sufety and regulations in a simple, scientific

A project on traffic teaching has been submitted to the Ministry of Education to teach traffic as an independent subject from the early days of a child at school.

Furthermore, "the traffic institutions", says Mr. Hindiyeh, "are conperating with the University of Jordan graduates club to hold seminars and lectures on traffic at various scbools in Amman,"

Posters

Meanwhile, large numbers of traffic posters and bulletins will soon be distributed in many parts of the Kingdom and among as many people as po-ssible. A project has also been submitted to Radio Jordan and Jordan T.V. to present weekly or monthly traffic programmes.

Thirdly, speed has to be con-trolled. The traffic institutions have prepared a new speed law. under which speed will be limited according to the various roads in the country. Signs showing the allowed speed, Mr. Hindiyeh says, will be planted on all the roads in the King-

dom.

What is more important is the fact that drivers should abide by the instructions on the signs. To achieve this the Public Security Department has bought news cars, equipped with radar and cameras, to pick out any driver who violates the speed regulations. These cars will work day and night on all the main ro-

ads. Those who violate the sp-

eed regulations will be punished according to the traffic

Fourthly, there must be a new, scientific planning for traffic movement in the streets of the capital. All the narrow two-direction streets, says Mr. Hindiyeh, should be made one-direction streets.

New signs

New, large streets, pedestrian crossings especially near schools, and pedestrian bridges should be established.

Traffic departments need to place signs instructing drivers and pedestrians on all traffic regulations, throughout the Ki-

In this field, the Traffic Engineering Department and the Ministry of Public Works have begun implementing a new plan, underwhich new, wide streets will be made. New bridges in different places in Amman are now being built,

Another project aiming at improving Amman's southern and northern access routes is now being implemented. These entrances to the city have usually been crowded with all kinds of vehicles. Once the project is fulfilled Mr. Hindiyeh says, traffic congestion there will be reduced.

In addition to this, a plan has been drawn up for changing the present traffic-signals The sites for some network. traffic-signals, because they are no longer suitable, will be changed. Other traffic-signals need maintenance, while others need to be removed and replaced by new ones.

Parking garages

Fifthly, the more parking garages are built the better. All the automobiles are parked at the sides of streets in Amman, thus hindering the traffic mo-The Municipality of Amman,

Mr. Hindiyeh says, has been authorised lately to punish anyone who builds a villa without providing a parking garage. In addition, the bus-stops of the Public Transport corporation need new organisation because their sites sometimes hinder the traffic movement.

In this field, four multi-story car parks are now being built in Amman. One of them provides stops for 2,000 vehicles at a time. New terminals for external public transport vehicles will be provided soon. These will include vehicles tra-veiling to south, east, west and north of Jordan.

Sixthly, the present traffic congestion should be eliminated through each and every way possible. Once a scientific and comprehensive study of this problem is made, traffic offici-als say, some resolutions can be agreed upon and implemented. The Minister of Transport Mr. Ali Suheimat has proposed a resolution for this problem. He says, the public and private institutions officials, school bo-



ys and labourers should not go to work at the same hour. Working hours for all the people should be organised. For example, some institutions are to begin work at 8 a.m., others at 9 a.m. and so on.

Finally, Col. Maher Nabulsi and Mr. Akram Hindiyeh have each proposed a resolution for this problem, Col. Nabulsi proposed the following. Walking, he says, is the best means of transportation. This, he adds, is not his own idea. This idea was stressed in a seminar he attended in Paris last August. All the lecturers participating in the seminar agreed upon the

importance of walking and its

efficiency in solving various traffic problems. A person, he gives an example, who has a shop in the centre of Amman should not park his car in fro-nt of the shop. He can stop it in a nearby parking garage and walk the rest of the way to his shop. He should save the place in front of his shop for a person who comes to buy something and leaves soon. Some countries, he goes on, have made streets for pedestrians only, to walk freely and

Mr. Hindiyeh proposed the following. A bus carries ten times the number of people a taxi can carry. At the same time, the bus occupies the space two cars occupy in the ro-ad. Therefore, if we increase the number of buses, he argues, and reduce the number of taxis, we will be eliminating part of the problem.

Once these proposals are carried out, traffic officials say, the number of traffic accidents will be reduced,

Tomorrow's article will discuss the activities of the Society for the Prevention of Accidents.

National News Roundup

Economic delegation leaves for Yugoslavia

AMMAN, Jan. 11 (JNA). - A trade delegation, headed by the Minister of Industry and Commerce Dr. Najmeddin Dajani, left here this morning for Belgrade to discuss with the Yugoslav officials ways of strengtbening commercial cooperation between Jordan and Yugoslavia. Dr. Dajani said before departure that the amendment of the 1954 trade agreement will be among the subjects to be discussed. This agreement, he added, aims at providing all facilities for trade exchange between the two countries. "We will discuss the possibility of forming a joint committee which meets annually to discuss various commercial issues," he added. The delegation includes top officials from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Phosphate Company and the Jordanian ambassador in Belgrade. The delegation was seen off at Amman airport by the Yugoslav ambassador to

Economic feasability of potash project will be discussed in U.S.

AMMAN, Jan. 11 (JNA). — The Arab Potash Company sald today that a meeting for the evaluation of the economic advantages of the Potash Project will be held in Pasadena, the United States, next week. The meeting will be attended by representatives of the World Bank, the U.S. Agency for International Development and Jacobs Engineering Group, the consultants on the project. The meeting will be also attended by the Director General of the Arab Potash Company Mr. Ali Khasawneh and top company officials. Yarmouk professors will sit on Islamic studies committee

IRBID, Jan. 11 (JNA). - The Yarmouk University has given approval for Dr. Omar Al Asa'd, from the Department of Arabic language and Dr. Mohammad Batayneh, from the Department of Human Sciences to sit on the preparatory committee which will be responsible for the establishment of the Islamic Studies Centre. The committee also includes a number of officials from the University of Jordan, the Ministry of Waqfs and Islamic Holy Places, and representatives of private institutions.

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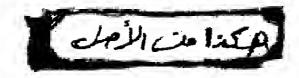
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Draft agreement on information cooperation reached during Abu Odeh's visit to Saudi Arabia

MMAN, Jan. 11 (JNA). — Minister of Information inan Abu Odeh Wednesday evening returned home om Saudi Arabia after a five-day visit at the invitation Saudi Minister of Information Mohammad Abdoh amani.

Upon arrival in Amman Mr. Abu Odeh said that discussed bilateral cooperation with his Saudi counner.

"We reached a draft agreement which would be gned later after completing legal procedures," he lided.

The agreement reached was aimed at organising and rengthening cooperation in the diverse fields of inforation and especially technical, news, programmes example and joint productions of religious and historical rents, he said.

The minister pointed out that he visited a number information and cultural institutions and commended e giant achievements in Saudi Arabia.

On Wednesday morning Mr. Abu Odeh visited the ling Abdul Aziz University and toured the different deriments, the hospital, the information section and le library.

Mr. Abu Odeh had also visited the Saudi television ation in Jeddah where he saw engineering, programes and satellite communication sections.

During an interview broadcast on Saudi television spoke about Arab information and Jordanian-Saudi soperation.



Information Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, (right) chats with Deputy Information Minister Mohammad Said Abu Nuwar upon arrival in Amman from Saudi Arabia on Wednesday. (JNA photo)

Amman Stock Exchange Report

Details of trading on Amman Stock Exchange on Wednesday. Jan. 11 are as follows:

Company	Nominal share value	Volume traded in JD	Last selling price	Opening price	Closing price	Last selling Bid	Last buying Bid
Bank of Jordan	JD 5	132	6	6	. 6	_	_
Bank of Jordan & The Gulf	1D 1	_	-	1,250	·	_	1.250
Jordanian Tanning Co	JD 5	-	-	7.200	_	_	7.200
Jordan Electricity Co	JD 1	12	1.350	1.250	1,350	1.250	1,350
Jordan Cement Factory	JD 10	755	15,100	15.100	15.100	_	_
Jordan Textiles Factory	JD 1	90	0.900	1.000	0.900	_	-
Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co.	ло 5	3,116	6.950	7.000	6.950	-	_
Total Volume	1.4.2	4,105		·			

World News Briefs

Italian Communists worry U.S.

ROME, Jan. 11 (R). — American Ambassador Richard Gardner flew to Washington yesterday amid concern in the United States over Communist demanda for more power in Italy's government. He will see Secretary of State Cyrus Vance for what one U.S. diplomatic source here described as "not a routine consultation." The source added: "We do not want to see any further step bringing the Italian Communist Party closer to the governing process." Italy is a member of NATO and American warships and aircraft use bases in the Mediterranean country. British diplomats have also been privately expressing concern here about how far the Italian Communist Party is committed to democracy and pluralism, reliable sources said. Communist demands for rabinet posts in an emergency government could force the resignation of Christian Democratic Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti this week, political sources said, though they added that Signor Andreotti might be asked to form a new government himself.

Influenza delays Portuguese government

LISBON, Jan. 11 (R). — An attack of influenza has delayed Portuguese caretaker Prime Minister Mario Soares' attempt to find a solid basis for a new government to fight the country's grave economic crisis. Soares, 53, was due to have met Prof. Diogo Freitas do Amaral, head of the conservative Centre Democratic Party (CDS) last night to finalise a possible deal but sources said the acting premier cancelled the appointment after being laid low by influenza.

Giscard d'Estaing on visit to Abidjan

PARIS, Jan. 11 (AFP). — French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and his wife left today for Abidjan aboard a special Air France Concorde on a five-day official visit to Ivory Coast. Three government ministers, Robert Galley (Cooperation), Rene Haby (Education) and Robert Boulin (Deputy Finance Minister) were among the president's 31-member delegation, Abidjan citizens have been given the day off to welcome the French visitors and up to half-a-million people are expected to line routes between the airport and the city.

20 typhoid cases in Lebanese Metn

BEIRUT, Jan. 11 (R). — At least 20 people have been taken to bospital with typhoid following an outbreak of the disease near here, the Lebanese National News Agency reported. Heavy rains had contaminated water supplies in the coastal region of north Metn, about 25 kms. northeast of Beirut, the agency said. It added that UNICEF and the World Health Organisation today donated water-testing equipment and transport to local bealth inspectors.

E. Germany shuts Der Spiegel offices

EAST BERLIN, Jan. 11 (R). — East Germany yesterday ordered the closure of a West German news magazine's East Berlin office in the most serious step it bas ever taken against a foreign publication accredited here. The decision to sbut down the office of the Hamburg weekly Der Spiegel followed reports in the magazine that a splinter group within the ruling East German Socialist Unity (Communist) Party had broken with the official line and urged a break with the Soviet Union. The West German representative in East Berlin, Herr Guenter Gaus, promptly protested against the move, the severest provided for under a 1973 law governing the work of foreign correspondents here. The decision to close the magazine's office, opened less than four years ago, was apparently taken at yesterday's weekly meeting of the ruling Politburo.

Turkey acts to curb political violence

ANKARA, Jan. 11 (AFP). — The new Turkish government yesterday took steps to curb political violence — in which more than 200 people were killed last year — by banning the issue of new arms permits. Mr. Irfan Ozaydnli, Interior Minister in Mr. Bulent Ecevit's new government, yesterday ordered regional and local authorities to halt the issuing of arms licences. From now on, only the Interior Ministry will have the right to hand out such permits. On top of last year's casualty toll, political violence this year has already resulted in 15 deaths.

Earth tremor registered in north Greece

ATHENS, Jan. 11 (R). — Athens Observatory today registered a mild tremor with its epicentre 300 kms. north of Athens. The observatory said the tremor registered 4.25 points on the Richter scale and was felt in Salonika, northern Greece. There were no reports of casualties or damage.

Tongsun Park agrees to tell the truth

SEOUL, Jan. 11 (AFP). — South Korean busi nan Tongsun Park today appeared at the American Embassy in Seoul to sign a memorandum assuring he will give truthful testimony to the American prosecutors' Interrogation on his allegedly illegal lobby activities in Washington. Mr. Park later told newsmen that he would cooperate fully in the 10-day interrogation, starting here on Friday. American prosecutor Paul Michel said be would conduct direct questioning of Mr. Park, with the assistance of another prosecutor and three officials of the Federal Bureau of Investigation plus a lie-detector. According to the memorandum signed today, Mr. Park will be granted full immunity and the grand jury indictment now pending against him will be dismissed. Mr. Park is accused by the Washington grand jury of having bribed 26 former and incumbent congressmen in Washington for a total sum of about \$200,000 in connivance with the South Korean Central Intelligence Agency (KCIA).

Biko's family may get insurance money

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 11 (R). — The family of black activist Steve Biko, who died in security police detention last September, will be paid a 10,000 rand (\$11,500) life insurance policy on him once it can be established that he did not commit suicide, an insurance company spokesman here said yesterday. The spokesman said that this was normal procedure for the company. He said Mr. Biko had taken out an insurance on his life valued at 10,873 rand ((\$12,500), and his family had claimed on this. "We are studying claims documents and have called for copies of relevant parts of the inquest evidence, including the finding," he said. A three-week inquest found that "nobody was criminally responsible" for the death of Mr. Biko from brain damage resulting from head injuries. The Biko family is claiming almost 200,000 rand (\$230,000) from the police and the Department of Health, and is also taking action against doctors who examined Mr. Biko when he fell ill during interrogation by the security police.

U.S., USSR talk chemical weapons ban

GENEVA, Jan. 11 (R). — The United States and the Soviet Union yesterday resumed talks on banning chemical weapons—their seventh round since August 1976. An official announcement said delegations led by Ambassador Adrian Fisher for the U.S. and Ambassador Victor Likhachev for the Soviet Union "are considering issues related to a possible joint initiative" in the 30-nation Geneva Disarmament Conference.

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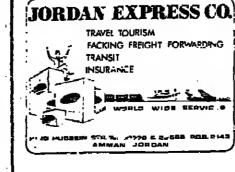






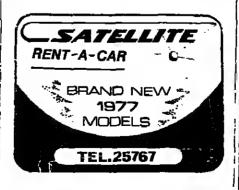


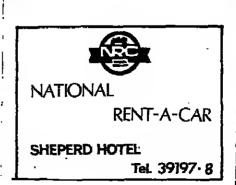














Saudi Arabia may press OPEC to drop dollar in pricing oil

RIYADH, Jan. 11 (R). - Saudi Arabia may press its OPEC partners to abandon the U.S. dollar as the basis for world oil prices, a government spokesman said today. The Oil Ministry spokesman also said that Saudi Arabia will not increase its oil prices this year. The Oil Ministry spokesman told Reuter "The kingdom plans to continue its present oil price freeze until the end of 1978.

"It is also thinking of pro-posing at the next OPEC (Or-ganisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) conference

OPEC oil price meet is "possible" soon VIENNA, Jan. 11 (AFP). — A gathering of some oil

countries to examine prices is "possible" in the near future, a spokesman for the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) said here today. Such a meeting could be held by the oil ministers of Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait and Venezuela late

this month or early in Feb-The ministers would examine only the question of prices for heavy oil.

that oil prices be set in terms of a basket of currencies rather than the dollar," he added. for six months by deferring

V.W. orders recall of 383,000 cars

WOLFSBURG, West Germany, Jan. 11 (R). — The West Ger-man car maker Volkswagen said yesterday it has ordered a world-wide recall of 383,000 Golf and Scirocco models for safety adjustments to their

The cars affected come from the series produced bet-ween August 1974 and May 1975, over 200,000 of which have been sold in various countries outside Germany, a co-

mpany spokesman said.

The spokesman said a minor defect had been found in the

Dollar's recovery expected to be a drawn out affair

for a long time yet, monetary observers said here today as they watched the U.S. currency sit up and take a little nourish-

The recovery on the money marts is likely to be a long drawn out affair. The U.S. government allowed the dollar to "attack" the Japanese yen and to a lesser extent the West German mark, but the ploy has turned into a generalised lack of confidence on the foreign exchange markets, they affirmed.

As is generally supposed by now, the U.S. authorities want-

ed to force Japan and West Germany who have surpluses to give a more energetic boost to their economies, in view of the U.S. deficit, and thus belp the Western World out of its crisis. Until about December the "fall" in the dollar was really a rise in the yen, mark and Swiss franc. It was only in the final weeks of 1977 that the monetary turmoil fully hit other currencies with a kind of snowball effect, the monetary observers pointed out

Japanese and Europeans angered

Tha Japanese and the West Europeans were angry at the Americans' failure to act. A widespread feeling bere is that the U.S. authorities adopted their stance partly because they considered that with bundreds of millions of dollars in circulation internationally, the central banks had insufficient resources to counter speculative movements.

There was another reason. It is part of U.S. official dogma that currencies should float as cleanly as possible. Undefiled floating is the surest way of correcting monetary upsets, it is argued.

There was a third reason. It seemed that the United States had more to gain than lose from a dollar fall -- up to a certain point. The authorities were certainly aware that, if a monetary panic developed, they stood to suffer also.

For example, several members of the administration, and particularly the Council of the Federal Reserve Board (Central Bank), feared the inflationary effect of more costly imports due to the dollar's depreciation. Evidence of this has now emerged. The rises in the yen and

mark have obliged Toyota, Datsun and Volkswagen to raise the prices of their cars in this country, thus permitting General Motors and Ford to justify rises in the price of their smaller

Higher oil price is chief concern

But there is no doubt that higher prices for imported oil are the chief concern. The possibility that the oil countries would increase the crude oil rate to offset the dollar's decline and their lower purchasing power, was the key motive behind the U.S. decision to help the dollar, according to the observers. Reports that King Khaled of Saudi Arabia told President Carter this could happen, have been denied by nobody in

Thus did the United States finally act. And in the medium term the prospects for the dollar seem fairly good, not least because the U.S. inflation rate is lower than the rate in other industrialised countries, apart from Switzerland and West Ger-

Banking executives here believe interest rates will remain fairly bigh throughout this year.
In theory, thesa two factors should encourage foreign inves-

tors to put money into the United States because they will probably get a satisfactory yield coupled with protection against inflation.

Confidence must be restored

But these two advantages could be counterbalanced by a further dollar drop. It is therefore imperative that confidence in the dollar be restored, et least to a reasonable extent.

Meanwhile, observers in Washington thought there was little chance of a substantial cut in the U.S. trade deficit which came out at \$28 billion last year

The U.S. may achieve a reduction of its big deficit with Japan, assuming that the Japanese corrective measures are effective. At the same time the U.S. can hope for bigger sales in some developing countries whose financial position improved during 1977, for example in Latin America. But there is little chance of soaring sales in Western Euro-

pe where the recovery leaves much to be desired.

American imports are certain to be high in the future in the light of a probable growth rate of five per cent or there abouts and the natioo's thirst for oil.

This high demand for imported oil will continua at until Congress accepts an energy saving programme that will

When President Carter got back from his world tour he told the cabinet that the seven countries ha visited all insisted on the need for such a programme.

But the Senate and House of Representatives will be harder to win over than his own close colleagues.

OPEC ministers, meeting in any price chance until their Venezuela last month, effec-tively froze world oil prices next meeting, due in June.
Saudi Arabia led pressure at the Venezuela meeting for

year-long freeze in prices. The current world price of oil was fixed in dollars in mid-1977, but the value which exporting countries get for their oil has been sharply reduced by the dollars recent markets.
The Saudi spokesman said:

"It would be a simple matter for our experts to work out the decline or increase in the value of the dollar and set the price of OPEC oils accordingly in terms of a basket of foreign currencies."

This seemed a departure for Saudi Arabia, which has pre-viously argued that the dollar remained the most suitable currency for pricing oil.

Observers said that Saudi leaders were understood to have expressed concern about the dollar's decline to President Carter when be visited Riyadh a week ago.

They said the proposal to price oil on a formula involving several currencies seemed to reflect disappointment at the U.S. administration's lack of response to Saudi appeals for firm measures to support the dollar in international mar-

Saudi Arabia is believed to hold more than two thirds of its foreign investments in dollars. The total is estimated at

about \$80 billion.

The fail of the dollar also seriously affects the value of Saudi Arabia's oil income of more than \$25 billion a year.

U.S. energy secretary tours Moroccan chemical plants

MARRAKESH, Jan. 11 (R) United States Energy Se-cretary James Schlesinger, who arrived last night on a two-day visit, toured chemi-cal plants at Sali on the Atlantic coast yesterday.

Mr. Schlesinger was accompanied by the Moroccan Minister of Power and Min-

LONDON (LPS). — Both Egypt and Saudi Arabia have

great potential for irrigated

agriculture by exploiting gro-

undwater sources which are at present largely untapped.

Two current schemes illustra-

In Egypt at Wadi Al Nat-

run a survey is being made of

250 sq. kms. with a view to

creating a farmed area of

5,000 feddans. Near Oatif on

the Saudi east coast a study is

under way with a view to esta-

blishing a dairy farm in what

Soli survey

there is no agriculture in the area being surveyed in Egypt. But the climatic conditions are

favourable and near Natrun

and around the lakes a few

kms. away a range of vege-tables is grown, citrus, olives and vines appear to flourish

and there are some livestock

and small poultry units.

A soil survey is being carri-

ed out by Dunlop Irrigation Services (DIS), a company es-tablished in England to provi

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of irrigated agriculture. It br-

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water management and agri-

culture achieved by the world-

wide Dunlop group of compa-nies and provides consultants

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that the arid regions can make a big contribution to solving world food problems but suc-

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the right systems and equip-ment and adopting the correct

farm management practices.

Team of specialists

In the coming months

DIS team of specialists -- ir-

International experts agree

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Apart from one small farm,

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ing, Mr. Moussa Saadi.



A Boeing Co. spokesman in Seattle, Washington said last week that it is "obvious to us" that the Russians copied the basic concept of a Boeing plane to make their own jet transport. The Boeing YC-14 is shown at top; the Soviet AN-72 is at bottom.

Red Adair Jr. halts violent gas eruption in southern Algeria

ALGIERS, Jan. 11 (AFP). — Red Adair Jr., the oil field firefighter, has been in southern Algeria for the last few days to deal successfully with a violent gas eruption at Hassi R'mel, it was learned today in diplomatic circles here.

An explosion at a well being drilled by the Parker Drilling Co. of the United States uncorked the gas, but did not cause any

Experts under the direction of Red Adair prevented the gas from catching fire by injecting a special mud. Yesterday they almost completely stopped gas escaping, an Algerian source said.

Throughout the incident production continued at other wells

Red Adair Jr. was called in several months ago to deal with an explosion on a North Sea oil rig.

Arab League head calls for Arab merchant navy

Egypt and Saudi Arabia have great potential for irrigated

agriculture using untapped groundwater sources

CAIRO, Jan. 11 (R). - Arab League Secretary General Ma-imoud Riad told a 29-nation conference on Arab shipping yesterday that there was an urgent need to establish an Arab merchant navy.

Opening the two-day conference attended by 300 delegatfrom maritime nations, Riad said the Arab states, in their struggle for economic development, needed to develop their shipping industries.

This included the purchase

of ships and tankers, the development of ports and the use of modern techniques in loading and unloading. There was also an urgent need to expand training programmes to establish an Arab merchant navy.

Among nations represented at the Sea Trade Conference, sponsored by the Arab League and the Maritime Transport Academy in Alexandria, are Britain, the United States, Holland. West Germany and Gre-

Traditional agriculture in the Wadi Al Natrum area, by the Natrum lakes. Now Dumlop Irriga

Services is surveying 250 sq. kms. of land nearby with a view to creating a farmed area of 5,000 feddans using knigation from largely untapped groundwater sources.

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iry farm to supply the Nation-

al Dairy Plant at Al Khobar with fresh milk, for which there is considerable demand

Chemical and physical ana-

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was undertaken in Saudi Ara-bia with further analysis in

Britain to complement infor-

300 milking cows

cal farms were visited to exa-

mine cropping patterns and assess current practices. Clima-

In the agronomic survey lo-

mation gained in the field

in the region.

Japan's Sonoda to seek stable oil supply during Mideast trip

TEHRAN, Jan. 11 (R). — Iran today lifted its unofficial

boycott of Italy and Denmark

imposed two weeks ago in re-

prisal for attacks on Iranian

doplomatic missions in those

countries, according to an offi-

The statement was issued by the Chamber of Commerce, in-

dustries and Mines which had

decided on the boycott because

of alleged failure of the Danish

and Italian governments to prosecute those who had atta-

cial statement.

TOKYO, Jan. 11 (AFP). — Resources-poor Japan places its hope on the upcoming visit of Foreign Minister Sunao Sonoda to the Middle East for securing a stable supply of cr-

ude oil.
Mr. Sonoda, only one day
after his return home from discordant diplomatic talks in Moscow, will leave Friday on an eight-day trip to Saudi Ar-

Jamaica's Mills is elected as **ECOSOC** president

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 11 (R). — Jamaican economist Donald Mills was elected this year's President of the U.N. Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) yesterday. Mr. Mills, 56, took over at the head of the 54-member council from Ladislav Smid

of Czechoslovakia. Assuming the presidency, he said that proposals to re-structure the U.N. system to reflect better Third World development aims and negotiations on a new international economic order posed a challenge and opportunity to the council.

Elected as vice-presidents were Johan Kaufmann of the Netherlands. Louis Muzmos guhunga of Uganda, Vladimir Martynenko of the Sov let Union and Mehdi Ehsass of Iran.

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lected and crop water require-

fertiliser, construction and far-

ming equipment was examin-ed and the supply and quality of seed studied.

DIS is now preparing a re-port recommending a cropping programme to support a herd

of 300 milking cows. If put into practice the desert near

Qatif could produce its first

crop by March, 1978 and the farm will be one of the first

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ments established.

abia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates as the first Japanese foreign minister ever

Iran lifts

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Italy, Denmark

to visit the region. He was expected to the way for a possible visit later this year to oil-producing Arab countries of Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda, one of whose priorities is to build up oil stockpiles for an industry which relies on imports for 90 per cent of its energy consum-

The three countries supply about 40 per cent of Japan's crude oil imports, which totaled \$21.2 billion in 1976. Saudi Arabia alone furnished

30 per cent. Mr. Sonoda will work hard to cement diplomatic ties with these countries in view of the uncertain Israel-Arab situation which, it is feared here, might touch off another Arab

oil embargo.

Japan, which depends for almost all its oil needs on imports - about 80 per cent from the Middle East, had enough of the 1973 oil crisis which led a handful of Japanese cabinet ministers to the region to promote "Arab oil diplomacy" with pledges of Japan's economic assistance.

It said both the countries had expressed their regret

and given assurances that si-milar incidents would not be

"At the request of the busi-nessmen and industrialists tr-ade with Denmark and Italy

have therefore been resumed

ltaly's annual exports to Iran are worth \$1 billion and

Denmark's exports are valued et ebout \$100 million.

the statement said.

permitted.

But, these pledges, mostly to help giant industrial projects, appeared to be slow in coming true and Foreign Mi-nister Sonoda might be busy appeasing complaints about th

at during the trip. Japan's plant exports to the Middle East were expected to dwindle by two thirds in fiscal 1977 ending this March from the fiscal 1976 value of \$2.9 billion, according to an official of the International Tr-

U.S. releases report financial improprieties

- U.S. Attorney General Grif-fin Bell yesterday released a report detailing financial improprieties by Federal Bureau including the late FBI Director, J. Edgar Hoover.

The accusations concerning Mr. Hoover -- a legendary figure in U.S. law enforcement -- were primarily that FBI personnel and resources were used to decorate and maintain his residence, buy flowers for his office and even care for his lawnmower.

Most of the material in the report bad appeared previously in the pres

Other FBI officials cited included the present Director, Mr. Clarence Kelley, former Assis-tant Director Nicholas Callahan and Mr. John Mohr, former Assistant to the Director for Administrative Affairs.

The report said a few whose activities were detailed cle-ariy violated federal statutes or regulations, but in most ca-

Tanzania suffers from port congestion

DAR ES SALAAM, Jan. 11 (R). — Tanzanian Prime Minister Edward Sokdine has ordered an immediate investigation into the pile-up of 57,000 tons of cargo which threatens to choke Dar Es Salaam, Po-

A toughly worded government statement issued last night after the prime minis-ter had visited the docks, said that action would be taken against any Tanzanian institutions which had helped create the problem, It warned: "The government

has no time to tolerate negli-gence in public services." Some 40,000 tons of the landed cargo are destined for neighbouring, land-locked Zambla. The statement said Tanzan-ia was contacting the Zambi-an government to find a permanent solution to the port congestion.

The statement said another 10,000 tons of cargo had been at the docks for seven months without being collected by its Tanzanian owners and ordered that it be cleared within four

ses prosecution would not be possible because the statute of limitations had lapsed.

The report mentioned the building of window valances by apartment, a matter thoroughly aired by the press two years ago.

Several pieces of furniture in the apartment also were made by FBI craftsmen, FBI employees occasionally serviced his car, and two T.V. sets were bought with FBI funds, the report said.

It noted that Mr. had reimbursed the bureau for the goods and services and "should be given credit for putting an end to the improper practices described in the re-Attorney General Bell said

he was issuing a full report on the investigation to show that very few individuals engage in improper conduct." The report also covered apparent misuse of agency fun-

Thousands of dollars from the FBI Recreation Association were improperly used for public relations expenses on behalf of Mr. Hoover, it said Officials charged with administering funds of the Special Agents Mutual Benefit Association, an employee life and heaith insurance association, re-peatedly used them for ques-tionable expenses such as retirement parties, luncheous, and gifts.

"The release of this summary report is intended to asso re the nation that the Justice Department can and police itself," Mr. Bell said in a statement accompanying the report.

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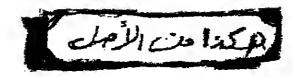
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DIS is also engaged in the Saudi project, assessing the

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: Be wise and put your greatest amount of efforts during your free time in finishing tasks and chores awaiting your personal attention. Get in touch with advisers and persons with whom you have contact and settle small matters with them.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) There are private that aged your attention for best results. Talk to an expert about whatever is puzzling to you.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Find out your true position with relatives and pals and improve it. Take time to be with persons you like and have a delightful time.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) A good time to get into public work you have neglected and get good results with it. Show that you pay bills promptly. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) It is important

you study well any data pertaining to some interest you want to put in operation. A good time to make new contacts now. Some socializing now okay.

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VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Have talks with partners I and cement better relations with them. Study into international conditions and be hetter informed. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Put more effort into the

draw, work at hand and get good results. Talk over details with co-workers. Be sure you are thinking clearly and not permitting others to put anything over on you. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Make the arrangements

early for the amusements you want later and they work out just fine. Compliments to those you like is wise, too. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Get rid of petty

annoyances at home, but be understanding. Make sure you get your accounts in order. Do what you can to make home more charming.

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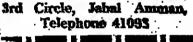
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West led the two of spades, and declarer saw no. problem. He won the opening lead with the ace and

laid down the king of trumps. He got the had news that he had a trump loser. hut he still was not worried. It was only after he cashed the king of clubs and led a second round of the suit, on which West sluffed a diamond, that the danger of the situation began to dawn on him. He won the ace of clubs and conceded a trick to the ten. East hriskly cashed his high spade, then shifted to the king of diamonds and de clarer could no longer make the contract.

He won the ace of diamonds and ruffed a club to set up a long cluh, hut West overruffed, and the defenders took a diamond for down one.

Declarer should have planned his campaign hefore playing to trick one. The first step should be to let East hold the queen of spades. East can do no better than return a spade to declarer's ace. Now a trump to the ace reveals the bad news, but declarer can virtually claim his contract.

He returns to his hand with the king of hearts and runs the jack of diamonds to East's queen. Whatever East returns gives declarer his contract. A minor suit return presents declarer with an extra trick in the suit led, and declarer loses only a trump, a spade and a diamond. And a spade return allows declarer to discard the club loser from his hand while ruffing in dummy.

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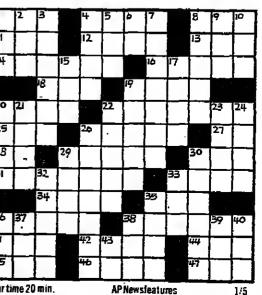
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Inquiry Commission orders Indira Gandhi to face the courts

NEW DELHI, Jan. 11 (AFP). - The Shah Inquiry Commission today nrdered the prose-cution of former Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi by a Delhi magistrate for ber refusal to testify before it on power abuses she allegedly committed during her period of

Justice J. C. Shah of the commission said Mrs. Gandhi had committed an offence under the Indian Penai Code and directed his secretary to file

the case against her. Mrs. Gandhi had earlier read before Justice Shah a lengthy statement questioning the co-munission's rights to examine

100 Iranian demonstrators said killed by police

PARIS, Jan. 11 (AFP). - Iranian police killed more than 100 people during protest demonstrations on Jan. 9 and 10 in Meshed and Thom, an "Iranian Liberation Movement" affirmed today.

A communique from the movement received here said another 500 demonstrators were injured, and 1,400 were arrested. The statement said the demonstrations were "of a completely peaceful nature." The demonstrators were protesting against government refusal to allow religious ceremonies in connection with the death 40 days ago of the son of the Imam Khomeiny, the main Shi'a Moslem leader of Iran.

The communique denied that the demonstrations were directed "in any way against liberation of Iranian women." Tehran newspapers had reported there were demonstrations against banning women's veils and in favour of speeding up agrarian reform. her and strongly criticising the present Janata Party govern-

She also said she would not make any statements on "emergency excesses" as it would be "violative of the oath of secrecy I took as prime minis-

Mrs. Gandhi also said she was not legally and constitu-tionally bound to make the statement as ordered by the co-

Reacting sharply to what he called Mrs. Gandhi's "political speech", Justice Shah said: "I do not want the proceedings of the commission to be made

He added that by her refusal to make a statement on oa-th Mrs. Gandhi had "prime fa-cie committed an offence under Section 179 of the Indian Penal Code." He said be would send the papers to the magistrate concerned to deal with the case.

If convicted under Section 179 of the code Mrs. Gandhi is liable to simple imprisonment of six months or a fine of about U.S. \$125, or both.

Immediately after Justice Shah gave his orders, Mrs. Gandhi laft the commission hall with her lawyers and members of her family. Outside, amidst strong security preca-utions, scores of her followers shouted slogans supporting her, while others chanted progovernment slogans.

Aden is new Soviet haven in Red Sea

ADEN, Jan. 11 (AFP). — Some 4,000 Soviet, Cuban and Eastern-bloc experts and military advisers are assisting South Yemeni security forces as well as working on geological and farming projects in this Marxist-leaning state which

controls the strategic Red Sea Strait of Bab Al Mandab.
Across the Strait, westwards, lies Djibouti where more
than 4,000 French troops, with their U.S.-built F-100 SuperSahre aircraft, stand ready to deter any potential attack on the young republic while keeping a close watch on the move-ments of Soviet warships, merchant vessels and MiG-21 jets. East-West rivalry is very much alive at this southern mouth of the Red Sea, which sees a heavy traffic of container-ships and super-tankers bound for the Western World as well as tiny dhows of Yemeni smugglers.

The Soviet navy had nnly to sail some 150 nautical miles through the Aden Gulf to new facilities here after Somalia booted it out of the northern Somali base of Berbera because of Moscow's active support for Mogadishu's arch enemy --

The Soviet navy's floating dock, which was in Berbera only a few months ago, now lies in the roads of the port here while, westwards, a well-protected compound is believed to be an international guerrilla training camp. Some observers say that the Sovier navy had anticipated

Somalia's decision to break with Moscow and had previously towed its floating dock to more secure shores here in Aden. Beside the two or three Soviet warships which regularly call bere, as French naval vessels do in neighbouring Djibouti, some ten merchant vessels flying Eastern-block flags are permanently anchored in the roads, unloading their goods.

Like most other Red Sea Ports -- Assab in Ethiopia, Port Sudan in Sudan and Jeddah in Saudi Arabia -- Aden faces chronic congestion problems which benefit the nearby Port of Djibouti.

Most freighters unload their goods in Dibouti from where they are later shipped to other Red Sea ports. Meanwhile, two heavy Antonov cargo planes and some Soviet air force Ilyushin planes are lined up at the airport here in Aden.

Last month, two to four Antonovs ferried unidentified cargoes in and out of Aden.

Observers believe that the Cuban and Soviet contingents expelled from Somalia in mid-November stopped over here. They believe a Soviet airlift was underway between Aden and Addis Ababa, where large quantities of arms have arrived to prop up government forces in their bitter wars, against Eritrean and Somali liberation forces.

Vietnam clear victor of war

BANGKOK, Jan. 11 (Agencies). — The Vietnamese-Cam-bodian border war appears to be over and military sources here said today the Vietname-se were clearly the victors. The Vietnamese seemed to have achieved what observers believed was their aim "to re-

taliate decisively against Cambodian border incursions, and to secure their own borders against future Cambodian at-During the last week, Viet-namese forces appear to have driven Cambodian troops back along the central and southern border zones and seized most

of the strategic Parrot's Beak

area of Cambodia, mid-way

between Phnom Penh and Ho

Chi Minh City (formerly Sai-Cambodia's Eastern Army, estimated by military sources bere to number some 25,000 men, suffered heavily in the

fighting, from sketchy accou-

ADDIS ABABA, Jan. II

(AFP). - A total of seven lo-

cal Ethiopian officials have be-

en assassinated by 'paid anar-

chists" so far this month, Ac-

cording to reports by the offi-

cial Amharic daily Addis Zem-

Four were reported gunned

down here and one each in the

districts of Menjar and Dessia

to the north and Dire Dawa

the deaths last week of mem-bers of the outlawed Ethiopian

People's Revolutionary Party

The news paper also reported

7 Ethiopian officials

said assassinated

by underground group

nts based on intelligence reports.
Military sources here said Vietnam had thrown some 60,000 troops, using American arms and alreraft left behind

after the Vietnamese war.
Cambodia yesterday sent a
note to U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim informing bim of what it said was largescale Vietnamese aggression.
The note was a copy of a
Cambodian statement issued
on Dec, I drawing attention to
"repeated acts of systematic
aggression on a vast scale"

by the Vietnamese army. The attacks, it continued, amounted to "an undeclared war" and Vietnam was using foreign advisers and officers to "pursue its aims against Cambodia."

Observers here believe the Cambodian army has lost a considerable number of troops, and rather than attempting frontal action against the Viet-

(EPRP) in central Shoa Provin-

ce. It said another 41 were ar-

rested in the same region in

the continuing crackdown against the underground move-

The paper said two hideouts discovered to contain explosi-

ves and subversive EPRP litera-

ture were also blown up by

The EPRP, whose members

are often described as "paid

acarchists of foreign assassi-

ns," has been the major tar-

get in reprisal attacks for po-litical violence.

security teams.

namese in the Parrot's Beak was using fresh troops in mis-or actions further south and north in an effort to draw Vietnamese forces away.

Cambodia's claim that its troops had won a "great victory" in the Parrot's Beak ar.

es and driven out the Vietnamese is generally doubted by

diplomats here, who see it as almed primarily at boosting the morale of its troops.

Rhodesia talks still

deadlocked

SALISBURY, Jan. II (R).

The government and black astionalist parties are still dead. locked over the question of white representation in partisment when the black majorily rules Rhodesin, a nationalist leader said today. The Rw. Ndabaning! Sithole told a new conference, however, that is was sure the problem was sure the problem of the resolved and settlement talks would move on to the talks would move on to the final major issue: The makes of national army for Zimbel

eventually the deadlock with be bound to be resolved, he as to how we are going to resolve it I can't say here," Mr. Sithole said.

The talks, which began on Dec. 2, had their 11th and last plenary session on Jan 1. Since then the heads of da legations have met privately three times in attempts in close the gap on white repre

of a five-part 2nd series

U.S. eye-witness reports: Palestinians will never believe Israel wants peace so long as the Jewish settlements exist

Editor's note: This is the second of the five-part series of articles the Jordan Times is publishing from transcripts of a testimony by American political scientist-researcher Dr. Ann M. Lesch to the U.S. House of Representatives International Affairs Subcommittee on the Near East. Dr. Lesch has, herein, written what is widely regarded as the definitive article to date on the Israeli settlement policy in occupied Arab territories. Dr. Lesch writes after spending over two years living in occupied Jerusalem as a researcher for an American Quaker group, the American Friends Service Committee.

II. Impact on the Arab residents

I would like to mention briefly three ways in which settlements affect the Arab residents: I) the effect on their landholdings, 2) their relations with the settlers, and 3) the political ramifications of the settlements for the Arab resi-

I) Land: Mr. Quiring will describe some specific land expropriations in the Jordan Vallev. and so I will limit my remarks to two examples. On the West Bank, three villages in the Latrun (Imwas, Yalu, and Beit Nuha) were destroyed and their inhabitants forced to leave in June 1967, just after the end of the war. Their lands are now incorporated into Canada Park (which covers 4,200 dunums -- 1.050 acres -- including 1,500 dunums of orchards) and the Mevo Horon settlement. A second settlement is scheduled to be erected there soon. As the attached chart (Appendix C) indicates, virtually every West Bank settlement has taken some land from nearby villages. This land might be privately owned or communal (and therefore registered as government land). It would be used for citrus groves, vineyards, vegetable plots, or grain fields. Where the soil is too rocky or the hillside too steep, the land would be used for grazing sheep and goats. In some cases, such as Ofra and Mes'ha, the settlers' housing is located in former Jordanian army hases or police stations, but the settlement perimeter encroaches on lands of the neighbouring villages. The size of a settlement is not defined: it can expand outward according to its gro-On the northern Sinai coast

(Rafah approaches), some 10,000 bednuins were dispossessed from 250,000 acres in 1969 and from additional acreage in 1972. (See Annendix A for details). Only after an outcry was raised inside Israel did the military government acknowledge that the bedouin owned the land and grant them homesteads, But bedouins cansome compensation and alternative, five-dunum (1.25 acres) not live off of these plots. With their almond groves and vegetable plots destroyed, and no grazing land for their livestock they must work as day labourers on the Israeli settlements that bave been established on the very land from which the bedouins wera excluded.

2) Relations with settlers: It appears that, aside from the northern Sinai settlements and Kiryat Arba, where the settlers hire Arabs to work in their fields and factories, there is ts. Aside from the Jerusalem suburbs, all the settlements have barbed-wire perimeters which separate them from their neighbours; everyone is checked at the entrance gate before entering the settlement. The settlements do not rely on the Arab villages or towns for their basic needs. They have their own marketing network and, in fact, settlement plans call for the establishment of rural "centres" for every clu-ster of settlements, where stores, schools and cultural centres would be located. Tres-passers can be treated harshly: the daily Hebrew newspaper Ma'ariv (Aug. 16, 1976) re-ported that, on the night of July 2, 1976, three residents of moshav Mevo Horon on the West Bank shot and killed an Arab who was walking along a wadi (river hed) which crosse the moshav's property. The settlers claimed in court that the man might bave intended to steel one of their cows. But in the Gaza Strip, the religious settlers of Kfar Darom hitchbike undisturbed on the highway: Gazans explain that there had been a settlement on that site hefore 1948, and that these pinus settlers cause no difficulties with their neighbours.

very little contact between the settlers and the Arab residen-

Kirvat Arba is the only set-tlement (aside from Jerusalem) which borders directly on a large Arab town. There are some 50,000 residents in Heb-

majority of Kiryat Arba's factory workers are Hebronites or Halbulis, and virtually all the construction labourers are Arab. Settlers from Kiryat Arba go into Hebron to pray at the Cave of Machpelah, and the women sometimes shop there, with their busbands accompanying them. Uzzi machineguns slung over their shoulders. Ever since its establishment in 1968 there have been friction and recurring incidents between the two groups of people, with the conflict over Moslem and Jewish religious rights at the Hebron holy places generally the spark for incidents. The elderly, former Mayor of Hebron, Sheikh Mohammad Ali Ja'bari, continually warned the Israeli authorities that the presence and growth of the Israeli settlement could only arouse Arab fears and cause greater trouble in

On March 17. 1976. a particularly painful event occurred. This was during a period of ferment and demonstrations throughout the West Bank, and tensions ran high in Hebron. The Kirvat Arha settlers mokesman. Yigal Klein. tnld the Jerusalem Post (March 22, 1976): "The Kiryat Arba sett-lers went into Hebron (that day), chased Arah stone-throwers through the allevs. beat them up and handed 50 over to the military government." The Hebrew daily newspaper Yediot Ahronot (March 24)

"Rabbi Levinger (Kirvat Arba's leader) and his supporters say only a strong hand will teach the descendents of the 1929 murderers how to behave -- so the settlers went to Hebron armed, beat persons with clubs and chains, took three hostages (and held them in a shelter for three hours), removed Ja'bari's son Burh from his car and beat him badly because he is Ja'bar?s and used a trained dog 'in order to flush the stone-throwers out of the market.' But they reached a peak when they forced, under threat of they forced, under threat of sams, Sheikh Rajzb Bayud, a Mosiem religious court judge, to remove an obstacle of stones placed on the road by vouths ... Extremely circles in the military government confirmed this story. as they confirmed the story about the trained dog and the other actions, which were meant to teach a lesson and demonstrate presence.' ... The anger of the Hebronites is not direc-

do not act properly. Their hostility is directed at Kirvat Arba, and the settlers' behaviour vis-a-vis the mufti has given this hostility depth of

Sheikh Jabari commented: 'Anybody who thinks such settlements could be the basis for peaceful "co-existence is mistaken." (London Times, March 26, 1976). The Israeli government was extremely embarrassed by Rabbi Levinger's statements and behaviour, and subsequently tried to ban him from entering Hebron. (A full account of the events, including a charge that dogs had heen set against the youths who were held hostage at Kiryat Arba, is attached in Appendix B). 3) Political ramifications:

The painful description of the antagonism between the residents of Kiryat Arba and Hebron brings ma to the third aspect. The issue of settlements is not just a matter of dry statistics -- numbers of settle ments and pin-points on a map -- for either Israelis or Palestinians. Both peoples ascribe a deep emotional significance to the land. Both view it as their historic patrimony. The Israe-lis have been able to build a state nn part nf that land, on which they can develop their culture, economy and society, and in which they can gather Jews from the Diaspora. But the West Bank and Gaza are virtually all that remain to the Palestinians of their patrimony, and they watch it being not only ruled by a foreign power but also being encroached on and taken away from them. Palestinian society on the West Bank and Gaza has its distinctive literature art, music, customs, and national aspirations. The challenge from Is-raeli settlements is a challenge to all of their aspirations, and is bitterly resented. Even the most "moderate" mayors on the West Bank -- such as former Hehron Mayor Ja'bari and Bethlehem's Elias Freij -- speak uncompromisingly settlements. In an interview (May 13, 1976) Freij told me that he saw Jewish settlement as a clear sign that Israel do-es not want to withdraw from the West Bank and, therefore, that it does not want peace. If the West Bank reverts to Arab rule, he asserted, Jewish

religious rights and freedom of movement would be guaranteed, but they must leave all their settlements. West Bankers react sharply

the Gush Emunim marches in Samaria and the founding of Kadum and Mes'ha west Nablus. Similarly, in the beginning of May 1977, villagers in Qabatiya (near Jenin) beld a mass demonstration, protesting against advertisements which had appeared in the Hebrew press for a group to settle on the nearby Dotan Plain. Soldiers killed two people during the demonstration. At the customary 40th day memorial for the deceased, the mayors of six towns (Nablus, Tulkarm, Ramallah, Halhul, Jericho and Dura) along with other West Bank civic leaders tried to go to Qabatiya, but they were prevented by the military government from entering the village. (Ha'Aretz, June 16, 1977). An American journalist called the West Ba-

nk Arabs "outraged" by the settlements (Lawrence M. O'Rourke, Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, June 13, 1977). But there is little that Arabs can do about them, aside from issuing protests and showing their solidarity with affected villages.

III. Future plans for settlemente

Over the past decade the Labour government gradually shifted its diplomatic position from one which viewed the territories as 'bargaining chips" to be cashed in during negotiations, to one which held that substantial portions of the territories could never be returned to Arab control. Security arguments became in-extricably mixed with religious and economic motives in determining which areas would be retained. In January 1977, former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin declared that settlements increase Israel's security and provide a firm basis for its demand for peace with defensible borders. He outlined the government's settlement priorities: strengthening the 'confrontation lines" along the Golan and the Jordan, and at Ophira (Sharm Al Sheikh, in southern Sinai); "bolstering" Jerusalem and the Hebron hills (Gush Etzion and Kiryat Arba); and ensuring a "blocking zone" south of the Gaza Strip (the Rafah approaches). "There's a challenge bere for all in the settlement movement who want to renew, expand and esta-hlish defensible borders for the state of Israel," he declared. (Jerusalem Post, Jan. 7, 1977).

The new Likud government

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demonstrations and strikes in announcements of new settletir settlement near Yatta vilway, and plans were being for
that the soldiers of all armies Nablus have been triggered by ments in terms to indicate lage, which will be housed temulated for a road from the that they fall within the framework of plans that were already being developed by the Labour government's committees and ministries, and by the Jewish Agency's Settlement Department. It is therefore useful to outline these plans, as they were reported in the Israeli press over the past

1) The Golan Heights: The "gap" in settlements in the central Golan would be closed, with Katzrin serving as the core town for eight industrial

2) Gaza Strip and Sinai: The settlements in the Gaza Strip would be linked to northern Sinai by a new coastal road, and their economic base would be strengthened by introducing glasshouse vegetable cultivation, which yields a high output on a small area of land. Five more settlements would be constructed in the Rafah approaches by 1980, all based on glasshouse agriculture. (Ha'Aretz, Dec. 2, 1976) and Yamit would grow from its approximately 300 families to 1,500. Moreover, the recent completion of a fresh water pipeline to Ophira (Sharm Al Sheikh) would enable that to-

wn to develop.

3) East Jerusalem: According to the Jerusalem Outline Plan, no major construction would occur in West (pre-1967) Jerusalem. All governmentsponsored housing would rise m East Jerusalem: 18,000 housing units in the existing districts of Ramot, Gilo, and East Talpiot, as well as units in the area between French Hill and Neve Ya'acov, thus linking that isolated northern suburb to the other Jewish districts. Additional housing estates would link Neve Ya'acov to Ramot, to the west, and would expand Atarot. These projects would double Jewish housing in East Jerusalem and would solidify Isreeli control. (Jerualem Post and Ha'Aretz, May 8, 1977).

4) West Bank: A) Jordan Valley: The two tiers of settlements would be consolidated rapidly, now that the road, electricity and water networks are complete.

B) Southern sector (Judea):

Gush Etzion would be ex-panded by at least two settle-ments and would be linked to Jerusalem, at Gilo, by a new highway. The Israel Lands Administration has sought to build a settlement at the southe-m end of the West Bank, in order to "strengthen" the Arad-Beersheba-Dimone area. Th-

mporarily in a police station and will fence off some 17,000 dunums (4,250 acres) for pasture. (Jerusalem Post International Edition, Aug. 30, 1977). C) Northern sector (Sama-ria): Plans have been formulat-

ed for a new highway to run

from the Mediterranean Sea coast via Latrun to Atarot (northern Jerusalem), parallel to, but north of, the existing Tel Aviv-West Jerusalem highway. Settlements would then be placed along this route. (Jerusalem Post, Jan. 20, 1977). A chain of settlements is in the process of being formed on a north-south axis, approximately five kms. inside the West Bank, thereby widening Israel along the narrow coastal plain. Mevo Horon and Mes'ha are already located along this line, and two more have just been approved. This chain of settlements would place many Arab villages and the Arab towns of Tulkarm and

In the central hills, the fiveyear settlement plan calls for an outpost in the Dotan Plain,

Qalqilya inside the Israeli zo-

Mediterranean coast to the Jordan Valley via Akraba, wh ich would split the Ramallal district from the Nablus district. This network of roads and settlements would isolate the

Arab populated areas from each other. One cannot help but be con cerned about the long-tern implications of Israeli settle ment policy. Each new settle ment involves a substantial financial and emotional investment, and increases the pol tical pressure on the Israe government to retain the land Polls now indicate that some two-thirds of Israell Jews sup port the establishment of se tlements on the occupied ter ritories. But the settlement are perceived as provocative by the Arab World, and and deeply resented by the Palesti nian residents. To the exten to which settlements may we aken the possibility of fruits negotiations, then American too have cause for grave cos

(Tomorrow: North Single Rafah approaches)



